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1. EMBASSY IS CONCERNED ABOUT OCEANOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS
SCHEDULED FOR "BARTLETT" BEFORE AND AFTER PORT CALL IN
TRINIDAD. MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OF ALL TYPES IS
A VERY SENSITIVE SUBJECT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD
AND TOBAGO (GOTT) BECAUSE OF THE COUNTRY'S SUBSTANTIAL
OFF-SHORE OIL RESERVES. SPECIFIC PERMISSION OF THE
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GOTT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES CARRIED
OUT WITHIN THE 12-MILE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF
EITHER ISLAND. SUCH PERMISSION REQUIRES A
DECISION BY THE CABINET AND TAKES AT LEAST SEVERAL WEEKS
TO OBTAIN. THE RESEARCH CRUISE OF A SIMILAR VESSEL
(USNS "HAYES") SCHEDULED FOR MAY-JUNE 1976 IN TRINIDADIAN
WATERS WAS EVENTUALLY CANCELLED AFTER LONG NEGOTIATIONS

DUE TO UNACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE GOTT ON THE RESEARCH (SEE REFS D AND E).

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF A REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR RESEARCH, EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT NO SUCH RESEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO BY THE "BARTLETT". WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION OF PLANNED RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE "BARLETT", HOWEVER WHICH WE COULD PASS ALONG TO THE GOTT IN ORDER TO ALLAY POSSIBLE CONCERN ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF A SOPHISTICATED USG RESEARCH VESSEL IN AND AROUND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

3. GIVEN ONGOING INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS ON LAW OF SEA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION THEREIN AND STRONG VIEWS ON RIGHTS TO CONTROL RESEARCH, BELIEVE IT IS ADVISABLE FOR US TO INFORM GOTT (NOT SEEK PERMISSION) OF ANY PLANNED RESEARCH TO BE CONDUCTED EITHER ON ITS CONTINENTAL SHELF OR WITHIN ITS PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC ZONE. ANY RESEARCH CONDUCTED BETWEEN HERE AND ARBADOS WOULD APPEAR LIKELY TO FALL WITHIN THESE PARAMETERS.

4. EMBASSY HAS SUBMITTED REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE FOR PORT VISIT BY THE "BARTLETT" TO THE GOTT. NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED ON THIS REQUEST. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED WITH LOCAL AGENTS ALSTONS. EMBASSY NOW BELIEVES "BARTLETT" WILL DOCK AT PIER I EAST CHAGURAMAS. LIGHTING AT CHAGURAMAS IS POOR AND PILOTS ARE FEW. WE SUGGEST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SHIP PLAN TO DOCK AFTER 0900 LOCALTIME AND DEPART BEFORE 1700 SAME DAY.

5. LOCAL AGENT INFORMS EMBASSY THAT "BARTLETT" PLANS SECOND VISIT TO TRINIDAD ON FEBRUARY 21-22. SINCE THIS VISIT WOULD COINCIDE WITH HEIGHT OF TRINIDAD CARNIVAL, ARRANGEMENT OF SUPPORT FACILITIES WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT, ALTHOUGH RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREW WILL BE VERY GOOD. IF SUCH FEBRUARY VISIT IS PLANNED, REQUEST CONFIRMATION IMMEDIATELY.
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